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Employment for SCs and OBCs
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme/programme is under implementation for providing gainful employment to the Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds provided and utilised under these schemes/programmes during the last two years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the number of persons benefited under these schemes during the said period, category and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the rate of employment among the Scheduled Castes is abysmally low as compared to the general population, as per the data released by the National Sample Survey Organisation and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the same and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government to reduce unemployment among the SCs and OBCs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 228 for 02.08.2016 by Shri J.C. Divakar Reddy, Shri Prathap Simha, MP regarding 'Employment for SCs and OBCs'.
(a) The National Scheduled Castes Finance Development Corporation (NSFDC) and National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) are implementing Credit Based Schemes and Skill Development programmes to enable the eligible beneficiaries from Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) respectively, for providing gainful employment to them.
The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is also implementing the scheme of Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes and Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for Scheduled Castes for promoting entrepreneurship and enhancing direct/indirect employment generation among the Scheduled Castes.
(b) & (c) The statement showing State/UT wise details of funds released by the Corporations to the implementing agencies, utilized and physical progress under the above mentioned schemes during the last two years including the current year is at Annexure-I to IV.
The Statement showing the physical progress made in the implementation of the schemes of Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes and Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for Scheduled Castes is at Annexure-V
(d) The National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has informed that as per the Unemployment Survey among social groups in India, 68th NSS round (July, 2011- June, 2012), the proportion of households with regular wage/salary earning among Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Others in rural and urban areas is as follows:

Social Group	Rural	Urban
Scheduled Castes (SCs)	8.5%	44.0%
Other Backward Classes (OBCs)	9%	37.6%
Others (non SCs/STs/OBCs)	13.3%	44.5%

(e) The Government has taken, inter-alia, various initiatives to reduce unemployment among SCs and OBCs which is due to socio-economic backwardness of these classes. The various initiatives taken by the Government are as follows:
(i) Reservation in Government/PSU Other Institutional jobs,
(ii) Various Vocational Training Programmes for SCs and OBCs,
(iii) Schemes under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan:
â€¢ 10% of funds under Special Central Assistance to Schedules Castes Sub-Plan are utilized for skill development.
â€¢ Skill Development initiatives of the Ministry of Labour and Employment and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
(iv) Various Credit based soft loan schemes and skill development programmes of NSFDC and NBCFDC,
(v) Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes,
(vi) Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for Scheduled Castes.